

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
PATENT APPLICATION EXAMINING OPERATIONS**

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Applicant : Andrew Rodney Ferlitsch  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Commissioner:

This amendment is filed with a Request for Continued Examination and the appropriate fee. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee(s) or underpayments of fee(s) and credit any overpayment of fee(s) to deposit account number 50-4269.

In response to the Office action of June 8, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.